

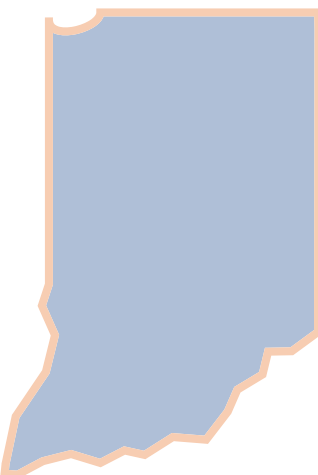


# Indiana Youth Leadership Conference

# Preparing Future Leaders ...Today

March 15-16, 2007

The Westin, Downtown Indianapolis



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# Indiana Youth Leadership Conference

The first **Indiana Youth Leadership Conference** will be held at The Westin in downtown Indianapolis, March 15-16. Focusing on **Preparing Future Leaders...Today**, the conference offers a day and a half of opportunities for youth to learn valuable information. On Thursday, guest speakers and other professionals will discuss various topics that affect teenagers in Indiana. Teens will have the opportunity to **meet with other youth leaders, elected officials and attend interactive workshops**. Participants will hear from parents who will share their true story about the tragic loss of their son. Attendees will also have the opportunity to **learn about lobbying procedures, tour the Indiana Statehouse and interact with members of the Indiana General Assembly**. In the afternoon, the winners of the Indiana Youth Leadership Conference

Essay Contest will be awarded. That evening, teens are encouraged to discover downtown Indianapolis restaurants for dinner then meet back at The Westin for a **fun evening of dessert, dancing and networking with other teens from across the State**.

On Friday, Secretary of State Todd Rokita will address Indiana teens about the importance of the young voter. Teens will then participate in roundtable discussions and deliver presentations to their peers.

While this conference will focus on leadership skills, it will also offer the **unique opportunity for Indiana's teens to come together** to meet some inspirational leaders, network together and build new friendships. **Don't miss this opportunity** to meet informally, exchange experiences with teens from other areas, examine goals and responsibilities, open new lines of communication and have a great time!

## Conference Workshops

### Communications: Youth and the Media

Are you comfortable speaking in front of a group? Do you know how to respond in an interview? Communication skills are important at any age. Come listen to an experienced news broadcaster and director who will give participants learn difference making communication tips. Learn how to give an effective interview and how to influence positive news stories.



*Nineteen year-old mayor Michael Sessions, Hillsdale, MI, speaks with the media. Mayor Sessions is the conference's Keynote Speaker.*

### Diversity: Understanding Cultural Values

Our world is full of diversity. This outstanding workshop will promote the creation of a receptive community environment that respects and values cultural differences. Teens will learn the meaning of diversity, how culture works, the differences between terminal and instrumental values and learn why people stereotype others.

### Youth and Money Management

Do you have a checking account? Do you know how to use a debit card? Do you have credit cards or have you applied for credit? Featuring important information you should know, such as how to use a checking account, balance a checkbook and use debit and ATM cards responsibly, this is one workshop you don't want to miss. Participants will also learn how to avoid credit card debt in college, how to protect their credit rating and the importance of saving for the future.

### 40 Developmental Assets to Succeed

This session will focus on the building blocks of healthy development, which allow young people to grow into healthy, caring and responsible members of the community. These tools are something every teen should know. This workshop will cover both internal and external assets and the power of those assets. Participants will also learn the importance of promoting positive attitudes and behaviors, positive peer pressure and boundaries and expectations.

### Life Skills: Finding Your Path

Personal values are the inner rules you use to make choices and determine how you run your life. Paula Pletcher is a dynamic workshop speaker who is very interactive and is a "must see." She will use the personal values profile to help you identify your top personal values and differentiate between real and ideal values. She will also show you how to make good decisions in your work and personal life and how to minimize potential conflicts with others.

### The Powerful Student

Teens need to hear David Bridgeforth, a teenage motivational speaker. The Powerful Student workshop will focus on who you are as a student leader and how to grow into a professional. This workshop will also help participants learn how to find a mentor and establish a "dream team" to help you, relationship management skills, the power of networking and how to set and reach goals.

# Conference Agenda

## Thursday, March 15

8:00 am - 8:45 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:45 am -9:30 am	Opening Session Welcome Keynote Address	Governor Mitch Daniels ( <i>invited</i> ) Michael Sessions, 19 year-old mayor, Hillsdale, MI
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Break	
9:45 am - 10:45 am	Concurrent Workshops ☐ Communications: Youth & the Media ☐ Diversity: Understanding Cultural Values ☐ Youth & Money Management: Check Writing 101 How to Avoid Credit Card Debt in College	Bruce Childs, Verizon Mike Cunegin, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute  Cindy Frederick, 1st Source Bank Patrick McAlister, State Farm Insurance Company
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Break	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Concurrent Workshops ☐ 40 Developmental Assets to Succeed ☐ Life Skills: Finding Your Path ☐ The Powerful Student	Honorable Charles Pratt, Allen Superior Court Judge Paula Pletcher, Glick Training David BridgeForth, 19 year-old motivational speaker, BridgeForth Communications
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Luncheon <i>Regret - Gone in Sixty Seconds</i> A parent's true inspirational story on the tragic loss of their son	Steve Mason
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Break	
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	General Session Panel Introductions:  Teen Panel Presenters:	Mayor Terry McDonald, City of New Haven Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, City of Kendallville  Indianapolis Mayor's Youth Council Kendallville Mayor's Youth Council New Haven Mayor's Youth Council
2:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Youth Legislative Lobbying Opportunities with IACT & Statehouse Visit Matthew Greller, Executive Director, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns	
4:15 pm - 4:30 pm	General Session & Indiana Youth Community Achievement Award Presentation Youth & Adult Partnerships, Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman ( <i>invited</i> )	
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Closing Remarks Mayor Bart Peterson, City of Indianapolis	
4:45 pm - 8:00 pm	Discover Indianapolis & Dinner on your own	
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Dessert, Reception & Dance	

## Friday, March 16

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Voting Responsibilities of the Younger Generation	Secretary of State Todd Rokita
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Youth Roundtables & Presentations ☐ What is Leadership? - Developing Skills to Take Charge with Confidence ☐ Coalition & Team Building - How to Reach a Common Goal ☐ Community Service - Service Projects in Your Community ☐ Show Me the Money - Funding Resources and How to Raise Funds for Your Organization	
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break	
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Closing Session	
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Prize Drawing & Group Photo	



## Essay Contest

Youth between the ages of 13 and 18 are invited to participate in the Indiana Youth Leadership Conference Essay Contest. Essays should answer the question, "What does leadership mean to you and how have you demonstrated leadership in your community?" in 375 words or less.

Two winning essays will be selected from each of two age categories: 13-15 and 16-18. The first place winner in each age category will receive a \$100 savings bond and an award plaque. The second place winner in each age category will receive an award plaque.

### Contest Rules:

- ✓ Youth must be between the ages of 13 and 18 to enter.
- ✓ Each essay must include a completed Official Entry Form (photocopies accepted), including the signature of a teacher, parent or adult verifying that the writing is the work of the youth.
- ✓ Essay must address the subject "What does leadership mean to you and how have you demonstrated leadership in your community?"
- ✓ Essays must not exceed 375 words.
- ✓ Essays will be judged on creativity, proper grammar, leadership accomplishments and community involvement.
- ✓ Essays must be received by IACT no later than February 23, 2007. Winners will be notified prior to the conference.
- ✓ Only one essay may be submitted per youth.

### Official Entry Form



Name

Address Phone

Name of teacher/parent/adult verifying

Phone Email

**Verification Statement:** *I hereby verify that the work enclosed was produced by the student whose name appears on this entry form.*

Signature Relationship (parent/guardian/adult/teacher)

*Each submission must include a completed entry form.*

**Entry Deadline:** February 23, 2007

**Submit Essays to:** IACT, 200 S. Meridian, Suite 340, Indianapolis, IN 46225 or fax to (317) 237-6206.

# 2007 Indiana Youth Leadership Conference Registration Form

**The registration deadline is March 5, 2007.**

## Registration Procedure

Pre-registration is requested so that we may notify registrants if circumstances require us to cancel or reschedule and to plan for conference materials and meals. Your registration is considered your commitment to attend. Registration may be completed by mail or fax. If registering by mail, please make check payable to "Indiana Youth Leadership Conference/IACT" and include the name of the attendee on the check. Mail payment with registration form to: Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, 200 South Meridian Street, Suite 340, Indianapolis, IN 46225. If faxing forms, submit to (317) 237-6206. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. *Unless the cancellation policy is followed, no-shows will be billed.*

## Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be made only if notification of cancellation is given at least three business days before the event, by fax, email or mail.

## Disabilities and Special Needs

We will make all programs accessible to you. If you require special arrangements, or a special diet, please specify on your registration form, as we may not be able to accommodate your request on the day of the program. Meeting room temperature may vary beyond our control, please dress accordingly.

## Directions

Directions available at [www.citiesandtowns.org](http://www.citiesandtowns.org).



## Registration Fee:

\_\_\_\_ Youth Delegate / \$15.00

\_\_\_\_ Chaperone / No Fee

*Please note that a 1:8 Chaperone to Youth ratio is required.*

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Billing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Meals

In order to provide an accurate head count, please indicate the meal selections by marking the appropriate boxes below so that we can make sure to include you. *(Please list any vegetarian or special dietary needs.)*

### Thursday

☐ Continental Breakfast

☐ Lunch

### Friday

☐ Breakfast Buffet

## Hotel Reservations

The Westin, Indianapolis is pleased to welcome delegates of the Indiana Youth Leadership Conference at a rate of \$93.00 per night (single)/\$110.00 per night (double/triple/quad). **The Westin is located at 50 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN, 46204.** Please contact the hotel directly at (317) 262-8100 and request the Indiana Youth Leadership Conference rate. Reservations may also be made online at [www.citiesandtowns.org](http://www.citiesandtowns.org). Only registered conference delegates may occupy a room within the IYLC room block. *Hotel reservations must be made by Monday, February 26 to guarantee the special rate.*



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